

REMARKS

Claims 15 to 31 are pending in the present application, and the Examiner has indicated that the claims are in allowable condition. The drawings and the corresponding specification texts have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's request. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees associated with this Response to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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